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Box PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Washington, D.C. 20231 Our Ref: 225/50220

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: SURFACE LAYER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SURFACE
LAYER

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 15 claims (pages 1-14, including specification cover sheet).
2. 1 Sheet of drawings showing a sole figure.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted/2 pages).
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 100 36 262.1, filed in Germany on 26 July 2000.
5. X Information Disclosure Statement.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Basic Fee | | | | | \$355/710 = | \$710.00 |
| Total Claims | <u>15</u> | - 20 = | <u>0</u> | x | \$ 9/18 = | \$ |
| Independent Claims | <u>2</u> | - 3 = | <u>0</u> | x | \$40/80 = | \$ |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Presented | | | | | \$135/270 = | \$ |
| Total Filing Fee | | | | | | <u>\$710.00</u> |

The filing fee is being deferred.

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